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Division of Medical Sciences

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Rear Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

My dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

In co-ordinating the intelligence activities of the various governmental departments and agencies in the interest of national security, it has occurred to me that your agency may have a real interest in the possible effect of major disasters and the extent to which federal agencies are prepared to render preventive and relief services.

Recently a report, "Sanitary Engineering Aspects of National Security", was submitted in preliminary form to our Committee on Sanitary Engineering, Division of Medical Sciences. It reviews past disasters and the relief facilities of various agencies and presents a point of view with recommendations which are timely and interesting. You will find in this report much of value to your Agency and therefore I am taking the liberty of attaching a copy hereto.

The importance of environmental factors in our national security program was clearly demonstrated during the last war and I am sure your Agency will want to give this subject serious consideration in developing new programs. If you find it desirable, I should be pleased to arrange to have Dr. Abel Wolman, Professor of Sanitary Engineering at Johns Hopkins University and Chairman of our Sanitary Engineering Committee, meet with you and discuss in more detail some of the technical and policy aspects of the report.

Very sincerely,

/s/

LEWIS H. WEED, M. D.,
Chairman

Enclosure